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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SILVERBROOK, KIA

Examiner

Jason Uhlenhake

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Silverbrook (U.S. Pat. 6,270,182).

Silverbrook discloses:

- ***regarding claim 1***, a body defining a recess (Figure 3) dimensioned to locate a removable inkjet cartridge (42), the removable inkjet cartridge having a pagewidth printhead (102) and ink supply for supplying ink to the printhead (Figures 13, 14; Abstract; Column 8, Lines 26 – 30; Column 10, Lines 47 – 54; Column 11, Lines 4 – 9)
- terminals positioned upon the body to contact corresponding terminals located upon the removable inkjet cartridge upon insertion of said cartridge into the recess thereby facilitating electrical communication between cradle and the printhead of said cartridge for causing ink ejection from the printhead (Column 18, Lines 18 – 25)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2, 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Silverbrook (U.S. Pat. 6,270,182) in view of Silverbrook et al (U.S. Pat. 6,588,952).

Silverbrook ('182) discloses all the claimed limitations except for the following:

- ***regarding claim 2***, wherein the terminals are located upon one or more walls of the recess
- ***regarding claim 5***, wherein the terminals comprise data and power terminals

Silverbrook ('952) discloses:

- ***regarding claim 2***, wherein the terminals are located upon one or more walls of the recess (Column 4, Lines 54 – 59), for the purpose of communicating print data to the printhead.
- ***regarding claim 5***, wherein the terminals comprise data and power terminals (Column 4, Lines 46 – 59), for the purpose of communicating print data to the printhead.

At the time the invention was made it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate the teaching of the terminals are located upon one or more walls of the recess; the terminals comprise data and power terminals as taught by Silverbrook ('952) into the device of Silverbrook ('182). The motivation for doing so would have been to communicate the print data to the printhead.

Claims 3, 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Silverbrook (U.S. Pat. 6,270,182) as modified by Silverbrook et al (U.S. Pat. 6,588,952), as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Silverbrook et al (U. S. Pat. 6,755,513).

Silverbrook ('182) as modified by Silverbrook ('952) discloses:

- ***regarding claim 3 and 4***, wherein the recess is elongate (Figure 3)

Silverbrook ('182) as modified by Silverbrook ('952) does not disclose expressly:

- ***regarding claim 3***, wherein the terminals are located on at least one end wall of the recess
- ***regarding claim 4***, wherein the terminals are located on opposing end wall of the recess

Silverbrook et al ('513) discloses:

- ***regarding claim 3***, wherein the terminals are located on at least one end wall of the recess. (Column 9, Lines 20 – 34; Claims 3 – 5; Figure 2), for the purpose of establishing communication with the removable inkjet cartridge.
- ***regarding claim 4***, wherein the terminals are located on opposing end wall of the recess (Column 9, Lines 20 – 34; Claims 3 – 5; Figure 2), for the purpose of establishing communication with the removable inkjet cartridge.

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate the teaching of the terminals are located on at

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least one end wall of the recess; the terminals are located on opposing end wall of the recess as taught by Silverbrook et al ('513) into the device of Silverbrook ('182) as modified by Silverbrook et al ('952). The motivation for doing so would have been to communicate print data to the printhead and to establish communication with the removable inkjet cartridge.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Silverbrook (U.S. Pat. 6,270,182) in view of Silverbrook et al (U.S. Pat. 6,588,952), Kakutani (U.S. Pub. 2004/0095432) and Silverbrook et al (U. S. Pat. 6,755,513).

Silverbrook ('182) discloses:

- ***regarding claim 6***, body defining an elongate recess (Figure 3) dimensioned to mate with a removable inkjet cartridge of a type having a pagewidth printhead and ink supply for supplying ink to the printhead (Figures 13, 14; Abstract; Column 8, Lines 26 – 30; Column 10, Lines 47 – 54; Column 11, Lines 4 – 9)

Silverbrook ('182) does not disclose expressly:

- ***regarding claim 6***, power and data terminals; terminals positioned upon opposing end walls of the recess
- corresponding terminals located upon the removable inkjet cartridge upon insertion of said cartridge into the recess thereby facilitating electrical communication between said cradle and said cartridge for causing ink ejection from the printhead

Kakutani discloses:

- **regarding claim 6**, corresponding terminals located upon the removable inkjet cartridge upon insertion of said cartridge into the recess thereby facilitating electrical communication between cradle and said cartridge for causing ink ejection from the printhead (Paragraphs 0224, 0240), for the purpose of communicating print data to the printhead.

Silverbrook ('952) discloses:

- **regarding claim 6**, power and data terminals (Silverbrook ('952): Column 4, Lines 46 – 59), for the purpose of establishing communication with the removable inkjet cartridge.

Silverbrook et al ('513) discloses:

- **regarding claim 6**, terminals positioned upon opposing end walls of the recess (Column 9, Lines 20 – 34; Claims 3 – 5; Figure 2), for the purpose of establishing communication with the removable inkjet cartridge.

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate the teaching of power and data terminals; terminals positioned upon opposing end walls of the recess; corresponding terminals located upon the removable inkjet cartridge upon insertion of said cartridge into the recess thereby facilitating electrical communication between said cradle and said cartridge for causing ink ejection from the printhead as taught by Silverbrook ('952), Silverbrook et al ('513) and Kakutani into the device of Silverbrook ('182). The motivation for doing so would have been to communicate print data to the printhead and to establish communication with the removable inkjet cartridge.

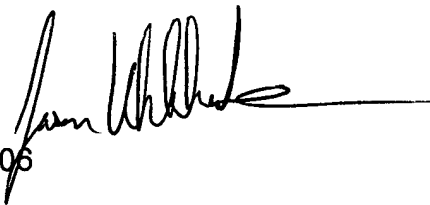
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason Uhlenhake whose telephone number is (571) 272-5916. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Meier can be reached on (571) 272-2149. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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